

THE FACTS ABOUT NATIONAL ANIMAL ID

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Q Which animals will be included in the National Animal Identification System?

A The system is being developed for all animals that will benefit from rapid tracing in the event of a disease outbreak. The NAIS currently includes plans for the following:

- Cattle & Bison
- Swine
- Sheep
- Goats
- Horses
- Poultry
- Deer & Elk
- Llamas & Alpacas

Certain animals—swine and poultry for example—typically move through the production chain in lots. They'll be identified as groups instead of individually.

The facts about the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) are simple.

Q What is the NAIS? Who is developing it? And why?

A The National Animal Identification System (NAIS) is a national program intended to identify the animals listed on the left and record their movements over their lifespans.

It is being developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and State agencies—in cooperation with industry—to enable 48-hour traceback of the movements of any diseased or exposed animal. This will help to ensure rapid disease containment and maximum protection of America's animals.

Q What's the first step in rolling out the NAIS? What do I need to do?

A Animal identification and tracking are not new concepts in the United States. USDA and its partners are building upon existing systems where they can and working toward a national system over time.

The first step in developing the comprehensive national system will be to assign a unique number—a Premises ID Number—to every location where the animals are born, managed, marketed, or exhibited. Your State will be able to tell you where it stands in that process.

Find out whom to contact in your State: Go to www.usda.gov/nais or call your State Department of Agriculture.

Q How will the NAIS help me? Why act now?

A The bottom line is protecting producers' livelihoods by ensuring animal health and maintaining market access. As soon as we can record animal movements from producers' farms and ranches, livestock markets, ports of entry, processing plants, and all other ship-to and ship-from locations, our ability to respond to disease outbreak will be stronger than ever before.

**Our animals. Our livelihood. Our future.
Let's work together to make National Animal ID work for all of us.**



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